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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION OF PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS

REF: A. VIENTIANE 6566

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1. POST APPRECIATES COMMENTS OF SY/FBO IN PARA 1 OF REFTTEL (B) AND WILL COMPLY WITH SUGGESTION TO UTILIZE ONE LAYER OF STEEL ON EXTERIOR SIDE OF BARRIER.

2. POST AND RSS, WHO REVIEWED BOTH PLANS AND REFTTEL (B) DURING 12-14 JAN VISIT TO POST, AGREE THAT PLAN IS COMPLICATED AND POSSIBLY CONFUSING. IT IS FURTHER AGREED THAT IT IS NOT THE BEST PLAN THAT COULD BE DESIGNED FOR THIS AREA. HOWEVER, THE POST AND RSS CONCUR THAT IT IS THE BEST PLAN POSSIBLE GIVEN THE PRESENT SITUATION IN VIENTIANE. BECAUSE THIS SITUATION AT POST IS TO A LARGE EXTENT STILL FLUID, THE PLAN WAS DEVISED TO PERMIT QUICK INSTALLATION WITH THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF RENOVATION TO THE CHANCERY. THE WALLS ARE MASONRY AND FOUR-INCH THICK; EXTENSIVE MODIFICATION WOULD BE COSTLY, AND IT WOULD TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME TO ACCUMULATE SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES OF CONCRETE AND CINDER BLOCK. BOTH OF THESE ITEMS ARE IN EXTREMELY SHORT SUPPLY IN

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VIENTIANE AND NORTHERN THAILAND. WHILE IT WOULD BE MOST

DESIRABLE TO CO-LOCATE THE MSG AND RECEPTIONIST, THERE  
SIMPLY IS NO ROOM IN THE LOBBY/RECEPTION AREA TO ACCOMPLISH  
THIS. WHILE THE DRAWINGS SUBMITTED DO ILLUSTRATE SCALE, THEY  
DO NOT REFLECT THE VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF SPACE INVOLVED.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THE WINDOW AT SQUARE FOUR IS TO PERMIT TO  
THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE CONDUCT OF CONSULAR WALK-IN BUSINESS  
THROUGH A BARRIER. IT IS NOT NECESSARY THAT THIS WINDOW  
BE BALLISTIC-RESISTANT; HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE.  
THE FIGURE AT SQUARE TWO SHOULD REFLECT A DOOR, NOT A WINDOW,  
AND WOULD SERVE AS THE NORMAL ACCESS DOOR TO THE CONSULAR OFFICER.  
FIGURE THREE IS AN EXISTING DOOR THAT WOULD SERVE AS AN  
EXIT DOOR FOR THE CONSULAR OFFICER TO ENTER THE MAIN  
CHANCERY AREAS.

4. THE MAIN CHANCERY ENTRANCE DOORS ARE TWO SETS OF  
DOUBLE DOORS. THE OUTER SET ARE OF WOOD, GLAS AND MYLAR  
CONSTRUCTION AND OPEN OUTWARD. THE INNER SET ARE OF STEEL  
WITH SAND-FILL CONSTRUCT AND ARE NORMALLY OPENED INWARD.  
GIVEN THE STATE OF THE ART, ELECTRIC LOCKING DEVICES ARE NOT  
BELIEVED TO BE FEASIBLE IN THIS APPLICATION. HOWEVER, THIS  
SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH THE TSO DURING HIS FORTHCOMING  
VISIT TO POST.

5. THE ANNEX C BARRIER'S PRIMARY MISSION WILL BE TO PREVENT  
UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO THE MAIN ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS AND  
USIS. THE POST WILL BE MANNED BY LOCAL GUARD PERSONNEL, NOT  
MSG'S. ONCE A VISITOR IS DETERMINED TO HAVE LEGITIMATE BUSINESS  
WITH THESE SECTIONS HE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED UNESCORTED.  
IT IS PLANNED THAT THIS POST WILL BE UNDER OBSERVATION BY THE  
MSG OVER ONE OF THE FOUR CCTV CAMERAS CURRENTLY  
REQUESTED. IT IS BELIEVED THE SPACE SHOWN WILL BE ADEQUATE  
FOR THIS FUNCTION. ALL GROUND-FLOOR DOORS OF THE ANNEX  
ARE LOCKED. IN ADDITION THE TWO HALLWAY DOORS AT ONE END  
ARE CURRENTLY LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE. BECAUSE THESE DOORS ALSO  
MUST BE OPENABLE FROM THE INSIDE FOR FIRE EXITS, POST IS  
AT PRESENT ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE A VENDER WHO CAN PROVIDE  
THREE PANIC BARS WITH AN ALARM ATTACHEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE.

6. POST BELIEVES ESTIMATE SUBMITTED REFTTEL (A) TO BE  
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ACCURATE AND, GIVEN PRESENT SITUATION, COSTS TO BE WITHIN  
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